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Application No.: 09/371,463

Group Art Unit: 2116

Filed: 08/10/1999

Examiner: Patel, N.C.

Title: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING PRIORITY TO A STATION IN A CONGESTED HALF DUPLEX ETHERNET NETWORK

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action for the above identified patent application.  
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Transmitted herewith are ..... 4 ..... sheets of substitute formal drawings.

Other:

2. Applicant is other than a small entity

Extension of Term

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(a)  [ ] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

<u>Extension</u>	<u>Fee</u>
[ ] one month	\$120.00
[ ] two months	\$450.00
[ ] three months	\$1,020.00
[ ] four months	\$1,590.00

Fee \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(b)  [ X ] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**Fee Calculation**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Fee Items	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	21	- 21 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (one or more, first added by this amendment)				\$360.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Fees</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

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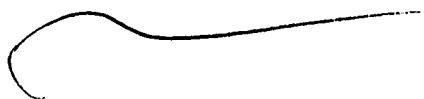
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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of )  
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 LOWE, et al. ) Confirmation No.: 9263  
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 Application No.: 09/371,463 ) Examiner: Patel, N. C.  
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 Filing Date: August 10, 1999 ) Art Unit: 2116  
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 For: A Method and System for )  
 Providing Priority to a Station in a )  
 Congested Half Duplex Ethernet )  
 Network )  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 6, 2005, the following amendments and remarks to the above captioned patent application are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the above captioned patent application is respectfully requested.

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